

Unilateral approval means approval of a package solely by the competent authority of the country of origin.

Unirradiated thorium means thorium containing not more than 10^{-7} grams uranium-233 per gram of thorium-232.

Unirradiated uranium means uranium containing not more than 10^{-6} grams plutonium per gram of uranium-235 and a fission product activity of not more than 9 MBq (0.24 millicuries) of fission products per gram of uranium-235.

Uranium—natural, depleted or enriched means the following:

(1) “Natural uranium” means uranium with the naturally occurring distribution of uranium isotopes (approximately 0.711 weight percent uranium-235, and the remainder essentially uranium-238).

(2) “Depleted uranium” means uranium containing less uranium-235 than the naturally occurring distribution of uranium isotopes.

(3) “Enriched uranium” means uranium containing more uranium-235 than the naturally occurring distribution of uranium isotopes.

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§ 173.410 General design requirements.

In addition to the requirements of subparts A and B of this part, each package used for the shipment of Class 7 (radioactive) materials must be designed so that—

(a) The package can be easily handled and properly secured in or on a conveyance during transport.

(b) Each lifting attachment that is a structural part of the package must be designed with a minimum safety factor of three against yielding when used to lift the package in the intended manner, and it must be designed so that failure of any lifting attachment under excessive load would not impair the ability of the package to meet other requirements of this subpart. Any other structural part of the package which could be used to lift the package must be capable of being rendered inoperable for lifting the package during transport or must be designed with strength equivalent to that required for lifting attachments.

(c) The external surface, as far as practicable, will be free from protruding features and will be easily decontaminated.

(d) The outer layer of packaging will avoid, as far as practicable, pockets or crevices where water might collect.

(e) Each feature that is added to the package will not reduce the safety of the package.

(f) The package will be capable of withstanding the effects of any acceleration, vibration or vibration resonance that may arise under normal conditions of transport without any deterioration in the effectiveness of the closing devices on the various receptacles or in the integrity of the package as a whole and without loosening or unintentionally releasing the nuts, bolts, or other securing devices even after repeated use (see §§ 173.24, 173.24a, and 173.24b).

(g) The materials of construction of the packaging and any components or structure will be physically and chemically compatible with each other and with the package contents. The behavior of the packaging and the package contents under irradiation will be taken into account.

(h) All valves through which the package contents could escape will be protected against unauthorized operation;

(i) For transport by air—

(1) The temperature of the accessible surfaces of the package will not exceed 50°C (122°F) at an ambient temperature of 38°C (100°F) with no account taken for insulation;

(2) The integrity of containment will not be impaired if the package is exposed to ambient temperatures ranging from -40°C (-40°F) to +55°C (131°F); and

(3) Packages containing liquid contents will be capable of withstanding, without leakage, an internal pressure that produces a pressure differential of not less than 95 kPa (13.8 lb/in²).

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§ 173.411 Industrial packagings.

(a) *General.* Each industrial packaging must comply with the requirements of this section which specifies

packaging tests, and record retention applicable to Industrial Packaging Type 1 (IP-1), Industrial Packaging Type 2 (IP-2), and Industrial Packaging Type 3 (IP-3).

(b) *Industrial packaging certification and tests.* (1) Each IP-1 must meet the general design requirements prescribed in § 173.410.

(2) Each IP-2 must meet the general design requirements prescribed in § 173.410 and when subjected to the tests specified in § 173.465 (c) and (d) or evaluated against these tests by any of the methods authorized by § 173.461(a), must prevent:

(i) Loss or dispersal of the radioactive contents; and

(ii) A significant increase in the radiation levels recorded or calculated at the external surfaces for the condition before the test.

(3) Each IP-3 packaging must meet the requirements for an IP-1 and an IP-2, and must meet the requirements specified in § 173.412(a) through § 173.412(j).

(4) Each specification IM 101 or IM 102 portable tank (§§ 178.270, 178.271, 178.272 of this subchapter) that is certified as meeting the requirements for an IP-2 or IP-3 must:

(i) Satisfy the requirements for IP-2 or IP-3, respectively;

(ii) Be capable of withstanding a test pressure of 265 kPa (37.1 pounds per square inch) gauge;

(iii) Be designed so that any added shielding is capable of withstanding the static and dynamic stresses resulting from normal handling and normal conditions of transport; and

(iv) Be designed so that loss of shielding will not result in a significant increase in the radiation levels recorded at the external surfaces.

(5) Each freight container that is certified as meeting the requirements of IP-2 or IP-3, must—

(i) Satisfy the requirements for IP-2 or IP-3, respectively;

(ii) Be designed to conform to the requirements of ISO 1496–3–1995(E), “Series 1 Freight Containers—Specifications and Testing—Part 3: Tank Containers for Liquids, Gases and Pressurized Dry Bulk”;

(iii) Be designed so that loss of shielding will not result in a signifi-

cant increase in the radiation levels recorded at the external surfaces if they are subjected to the tests specified in ISO 1496/1–1995(E); and

(iv) For international transportation, have a safety approval plate in conformance with 49 CFR 451.21 through 451.25.

(c) Except for IP-1 packagings, each offeror of an industrial package must maintain on file for at least one year after the latest shipment, and shall provide to the Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety on request, complete documentation of tests and an engineering evaluation or comparative data showing that the construction methods, packaging design, and materials of construction comply with that specification.

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§ 173.412 Additional design requirements for Type A packages.

In addition to meeting the general design requirements prescribed in § 173.410, each Type A packaging must be designed so that—

(a) The outside of the packaging incorporates a feature, such as a seal, that is not readily breakable, and that, while intact, is evidence that the package has not been opened. In the case of packages shipped in closed transport vehicles in exclusive use, the cargo compartment, instead of the individual packages, may be sealed.

(b) The smallest external dimension of the package is not less than 10 centimeters (4 inches).

(c) Containment and shielding is maintained during transportation and storage in a temperature range of –40°C (–40°F) to 70°C (158°F). Special attention shall be given to liquid contents and to the potential degradation of the packaging materials within the temperature range.

(d) The packaging must include a containment system securely closed by a positive fastening device that cannot be opened unintentionally or by pressure that may arise within the package during normal transport. Special form Class 7 (radioactive) material, as demonstrated in accordance with § 173.469, may be considered as a component of